

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Sahuaro District Spring Fling

THIS SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 16

I look forward to meeting all of you at the Sahuaro District Spring Fling from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. this Saturday. The family-friendly outdoor event will be held at the Paseo Park ball fields, 63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

This is the third year for the event which will help inform and educate residents on city programs and services. Representatives from city departments will be on hand to answer questions and provide attendees with information. **Vehicles and equipment** will be on display from the Sanitation, Transportation, Police and Fire departments.

New to Spring Fling this year will be **CCC/CPR demonstrations** given by the Glendale Fire Department, and **free blood pressure and wellness checks** courtesy of Southwest Ambulance.

My special guest this year will be Sahuaro District resident **Braxton Bilbrey**, the youngest person ever to swim across the San Francisco Bay, from Alcatraz to San Francisco. Braxton will be at the event to raise awareness about drowning prevention.

In addition to learning about city programs and services, families with children will enjoy free activities, including **inflatable jumpers, a rock climbing wall, clowns, face painting** and a **gymnastics exhibition**. A free hot dog lunch and refreshments will also be served.

Community partners, including the **NHL Phoenix Coyotes**, **Southwest Ambulance** and the **Glendale/Peoria YMCA**, will also participate.

For more information, call (623) 930-2016.

— Steve Frate
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CM Frate joins Josh Hendricks, left, Property Manager for Arrowhead Towne Center and Rob Luciano, Westcor's Assistant VP for Development, at the announcement of the new Dick's Sporting Goods scheduled to open in Arrowhead Towne Center in Fall '08. The store will be located on the north side of the center between Macy's and the AMC Theatre.

That Thursday Thing! The Bead Trail. Discover the world in your own backyard and celebrate International Friendship Month in Historic Downtown Glendale on Thursday, February 21st from 5 to 8 p.m. Explore the downtown shops to find beads from around the world as the Glendale Visitor Center presents "That Thursday Thing: The Bead Trail."

As you travel The Bead Trail, you will collect beads from participating downtown Glendale shops and eateries. At the end of the trail, you will visit **The Bead Museum** to assemble a beautiful friendship bracelet.

Start the night at the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up your event map and goodie bag and take a spin on the Visitor Center prize wheel. Enjoy free trolley rides and horsedrawn carriage rides throughout Catlin Court and Old Towne. Live music and entertainment will be located throughout the downtown. For more information, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500.

Water Conservation. [The Glendale Water Conservation Office](#) provides a comprehensive water conservation program that promotes efficient water use by providing the information and inspiration needed—to save water.

The Water Conservation Office offers a variety of water-saving programs. Learn about great landscape design, get tips for setting up your watering system and find out how to make the most out of your timer with [free landscape classes](#). Or, if you are interested in information on the landscape rebate program for homeowners, [click here](#).

Dates for Neighborhood Grants Orientation Sessions. The Neighborhood Grants Program is designed to encourage residents to come together and apply for projects of a public nature that will enhance their neighborhood.

All residents interested in participating in the Spring 2008 grants process must attend one of the remaining sessions, which will explain the guidelines of the grants program, eligible projects and how to complete the grant application. The actual grant application will be available at these meetings.

Remaining Orientation Sessions:

- Thursday, Feb. 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room 102 at the Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.
- Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in room B3 at the Municipal Building, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.
- Saturday, March 1 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Foothills Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., in the Hummingbird Room.

All Spring 2008 neighborhood improvement grant applications must be submitted to the Neighborhood Partnership Office no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 28. For more information, [click here](#) or call the Neighborhood Partnerships Office at (623) 930-2868.

Around Town

Juried Art Show Closes Feb. 17. The Juried Art Show continues at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area through Feb. 17. Enjoy original art works, ranging from paintings to sculpture, created by Arizona artists. This free show will be held Wednesdays – Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 12-4 p.m.

President's Day Holiday. City of Glendale offices as well as all three libraries and the Glendale Visitor Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18 in observance of President's Day. [Click here](#) for the holiday sanitation collection schedule for the week of Feb. 18.

Free CCC-CPR Class. Learn Continuous Chest Compression CPR on Wednesday, February 20 from 7-9 p.m. at Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Classes are held once a month at various locations throughout Glendale. To reserve a spot or learn more about CCC-CPR, [click here](#).

Literally, Tons of Fun at Touch-A-Truck. The entire family will enjoy the 8th annual Touch-A-Truck event! Trucks and large vehicles take center stage 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., February 23, at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave. It's a great opportunity to see, touch, interact with and learn about big trucks and the functions they serve. Bring your camera to get those special shots of your child sitting in the driver's seat of an 18 wheeler. Free admission, snack items will be available for purchase. For more information, call (623) 930-2044.

Teen Afterhours March 1. Teens, ages 12-18, don't miss this free musical "Lalapalooza" on Saturday, March 1, from 6-9 p.m. at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Try playing "SingStar," "What's That Tune," "Dance Revolution," and learn the basics of how to DJ from a professional. Have fun and enjoy some snacks, too! Registration is required, so call (623) 930-3537 now!

Mega Book Sale is back! Book-lovers: mark your calendars! Glendale Main Library is holding its annual Mega Book Sale on Saturday, March 8, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be thousands of books, including hardback, paperback, fiction and nonfiction. But it's not just books! Videocassettes, DVDs, CDs and audio books will be offered, as well. The Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 930-3530.

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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